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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 11, 2003, has been carefully reviewed and Applicants note with appreciation the identification of allowed subject matter.

By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 5-9. Claims 1 and 11 are independent, and claims 1-4 and 11-17 are pending in the application.

The Examiner rejected claims 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,076,776 to Yamada et al. ("Yamada") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,690,972 to Planeta et al. ("Planeta"), U.S. Patent No. 5,738,881 to Sagar and U.S. Patent No. 5,069,612 to Teutsch et al.

Claims 1-4 and 11-17 are allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 5-9. Therefore, in accordance with the Examiner's identification of allowed subject matter, and no further issues remaining outstanding, the application is in condition for allowance.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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